WHEREAS, The use of credit has become increasingly important to the American consumer and to the nation's economy, evidenced by the fact that consumer installment purchases have risen from 14.7 billion dollars in 1950 to more than 156 billion dollars in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, The country's economic nealth rests in part on the consumer's wise use of credit and good money management; and,

WHEREAS, The prompt payment of bills will help prevent higher prices and curb inflation, as well as give the consumer peace of mind and the right to use credit; and,

WHEREAS, The American Collectors Association, an international organization of 2500 bonded collection agencies, is sponsoring an educational program designed to help the consumer use credit with caution, spend wisely, and pay his bills promptly:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 2-6, 1976, as

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NATIONAL PAY YOUR BILLS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakot in Pierre, the Capital City, this 26th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

Jean S. Ibluson

Lynn B. Herseth

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE